Tsunami victims refused to accept the same due to paucity of storage capacity;

(b) if so, whether Government would consider creation of buffer capac ity stores in each State/UT where donors could give material from time to time to meet the requirement of any natural disaster/calamity immediately in future; and

(c) how the surplus material now collected is proposed to be utilized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOMEAFFAIRS(SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The essential relief material like blankets, tents, clothing etc. was mobilized and sent to the Tsunami affected areas promptly, as per the requirements identified in consultation with the concerned State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. No reports have been received in this Ministry with regard to the mobilization of the required material having been hampered due to paucity of storage space. However, keeping in view the need for advance planning to meet such constraints which could arise following a natural calamity, the State Governments have been advised to draw up Disaster Management Plans at the State/District level. These Plans would *inter-alia* take into consideration the requirement with regard to storage facilities for essential relief supplies and other resources needed for disaster response. The State have also been advised to enter into pre-contracts with suppliers to ensure expeditious supply of relief material as and when required so that the need for standing arrangements for storage and maintenance of relief materials by the Departments/agencies concerned with disaster response can be minimized.

(c) No reports have been received by this Ministry about collection of surplus material.

Sexual exploitation of women in jails

1613. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission has called for a factual report from the Uttaranchal Government about the women prisoner being sexually exploited in the Hardwar District jail;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/to be taken by the Centre to stop the sexual exploitation of women in jails in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has taken *suo-motu* cognizance of a press report alleging sexual exploitation of a lady prisoner in connivance with the lady guards posted in Hardwar District Jail by the higher officers. The NHRC has called for a report from the State Government of Uttaranchal. The NHRC has also directed its Director General (Investigation) to investigate the matter.

(c) 'Prisons' is a State subject as per the Constitution of India. Prison Administration is governed by the States as per the provisions of the Prisons Act and Prison Mannuals framed by the respective States in accordance with their local conditions.

The Central Government has framed a Model Jail Manual which has been circulated among States/ Union Territories for their guidance. Suitable provisions have been made in the Model Jail Manual for staff development of Prison Officers and for taking care of the interest of jail inmates including women prisoners. Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) also organizes interactive courses for Prison Officers to sensitize them regarding human rights of prison inmates including women prisoners. A training programme is also organized for prison Officers on Human Rights in Prison Management.

Probe of Human Rights Violations in Gujarat by a US Judge

1614. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a factfinding delegation from US, headed by a federal district judge from New York, is currently on a visit to Gujarat for probing human rights violations in the recent past;

(b) whether the delegation had a series of meetings with family members of POTA detainees in Gujarat; and

(c) whether the delegation is scheduled to call on the National Human Rights Commission and to submit a copy of its findings on Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) As per information received from